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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 02558P-001340US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

JAMES BLAKE, et al.

Application No.: 09/733,239

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED
PEPTIDES FOR USE IN
IMMUNOASSAYS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 1648

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE
TO FILE MISSING PARTS
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated March 6, 2001. Prior to calculating the claims fee, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 29-47 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is the following to be made of record in the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees which have been calculated based on the number of claims following cancellation of claims 29-47 as set forth above:

Missing Parts Surcharge.....\$130.00

Basic Filing Fee.....\$710.00
Additional Claims Fees:
8 total claims over 20..... \$144.00
TOTAL FEES TO BE CHARGED.....\$984.00

In addition, the Notice to File Missing Parts states that, "This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825." This Notice is believed to be issued in error.

The present application was filed as a continuation of Serial No. 08/462,749, filed June 5, 1995, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/140,696, filed October 21, 1993 (now U.S. Patent 5,439,792), which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/532,429, filed June 4, 1990, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/360,513, filed June 2, 1989.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(e), it is believed that no sequence listing in computer readable format is required as the present application is a continuation of U.S. parent application, Serial No. 07/360,513, in which a sequence listing and computer readable format was submitted, and no additional sequences have been submitted in the present application.

Please direct any communications regarding this matter to the undersigned attorney of record. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, to Townsend and Townsend and Crew Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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